

Today, September 27, 2011, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) awarded funding to 61 states and communities throughout the US to conduct community transformation activities to reduce chronic disease rates, prevent the development of secondary health conditions, and address health disparities. CDC is anticipating that funding will serve approximately 120 million Americans. Thirty five (35) states and communities were awarded funds to implement evidence and practice-based programs and twenty six (26) states and communities were funded to build capacity to implement changes by laying a solid foundation for community chronic disease prevention/reduction efforts.

The Connecticut Department of Public Health is pleased to announce that the Department was one of the twenty six states and communities funded to build capacity in Connecticut's communities. All 61 grantees will address the following priority areas: 1) tobacco-free living; 2) active living and healthy eating; and 3) evidence-based quality clinical and other preventive services, specifically prevention and control of high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

For more information, go to <http://www.cdc.gov/communitytransformation/funds/index.htm>